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E.'s birthday. She is forty, and not pleased. We went to Tivoli for lunch at the Sibilla Restaurant in the shadow of the Temple of Vesta, hanging above a picturesque gorge. Trout from a local stream, white wine of the country, and always welcome fettuchini.

Took my usual walk from Piazza di Spagna home, this time by the Corso, Forum, Colosseum, and Nero's Golden House. Have been reading The Story of Rome by Norwood Young, And So To Rome by Cecil Roberts, and Rome And A Villa by Eleanor Clark. I thirst for more information about the history of this beaten-up and beautiful city.

Tonight I finished David Cecil's Lord M. This is biographical writing at its best, but the subject sad though successful.

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